

Board of Selectmen
Tuesday, June 16, 2015
Conference Room A in Town Hall

A meeting of the Rockport Board of Selectmen on Tuesday, June 16, 2015 at 6pm on Tuesday, June 16, 2015 in Conference Room A in Town Hall. Present were five selectpersons, the Town Administrator and the Asst. Town Administrator.

6:00 Meeting Called to Order

Executive Session – MGL Ch. 30A §21(a) Exception 1 - Discussion of Discipline or Dismissal of an Employee; votes may be taken and Exception 3 - Strategy with Respect to Anticipated Litigation; Selectperson Murphy moved that the Board of Selectmen enter Executive Session under MGL Chapter 30A, §21(a) for Exception #1 to discuss the discipline or dismissal of an employee and for Exception # 3 to discuss strategy with respect to pending litigation, Selectperson Sheedy seconded, Roll Call Vote: Selectperson Sheedy - aye, Selectperson Murphy - aye, Chairperson Battistelli, - aye, all in favor.

Motion to enter Executive Session: Discipline or Dismissal of Employee; Motion Approved

Chairperson Battistelli said we are entering executive session because, by not doing so, it would be detrimental to the Town's litigating position. The Board will re-enter Open Session.

Selectperson Lucas entered Executive Session at 6:05 pm; Selectperson Wilkinson entered Executive Session at 6:10.

7:00 Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

Interview of David McKinnon for the Conservation Commission: Selectperson Lucas nominated David McKinnon as a member of the Conservation Commission for a three year term to expire on June 30, 2018, Selectperson Murphy seconded, no vote taken; this will be an action item at a subsequent meeting. D. McKinnon would be taking over Charlie Allen's seat. He said he grew up in Rockport and now works for the Town of Lincoln, focusing on trail management.

Nomination of D. McKinnon for Conservation Commission, no vote taken

Appointment of James King to the Personnel Board: Selectperson Wilkinson moved that the Board of Selectmen appoint James King as a member of the Personnel Board for a three year term to expire on June 30, 2018, Selectperson Sheedy seconded, Vote: 5-0. He said this is his 3rd appointment; he said this Personnel Board focuses on policy not personality. He said the work of the Personnel Board is always a work in progress.

Appointment of James King to Personnel Board Motion Approved

Appointment of Elwin Richter to the Personnel Board: Selectperson Murphy moved that the Board of Selectmen appoint Elwin Richter as a member of the Personnel Board for a three year term to expire on June 30, 2018, Selectperson Sheedy seconded, Vote: 5-0. He said this is his first reappointment; he has been on the board for 3 years. He said the board members really complement each other. Currently the board is looking at the regulations, as they are archaic.

Appointment of Elwin Richter to Personnel Board Motion Approved

Interview of Rafer Gardner as a new Street Performer: Selectperson Sheedy moved that the Board of Selectmen sign a Street Performer License for Rafer Gardner to perform at the approved locations of the island at Dock Square, the end of Bearskin Neck and Donovan's Corner, Selectperson Lucas seconded, Vote: 5-0. He said he has been playing the Alto saxophone for four years now; the music he will play includes jazz and blues.

Interview of Rafer Gardner as Street Performer Motion Approved

Interview of
Samuel White as
Street Performer
Motion Approved

Interview of Samuel White as a new Street Performer: Selectperson Lucas moved that the Board of Selectmen sign a Street Performer License for Samuel White to perform at the approved locations of the island at Dock Square, the end of Bearskin Neck and Donovan's Corner, Selectperson Wilkinson seconded, Vote: 5-0. He said he plans to play the acoustic guitar and sing.

Approval of June
2, 2015 minutes,
Motion Approved

Approval of Minutes of June 2, 2015: Selectperson Wilkinson moved that the Board of Selectmen approve the minutes of June 2, 2015, Selectperson seconded, Vote: 3-0. Selectpersons Sheedy and Murphy abstained as they were not present on 6/2/15. It was requested that the minutes be revised to reflect that Coleen Magrath spoke about a conflict and that she had already filed a disclosure with Town Hall.

Selectmen
Updates and
Liaison Reports

Selectmen Updates and Liaison Reports: It was mentioned that the Sediment Transport Study for Long Beach is available on the website as well as in the library. It outlines the possibilities of losing the sand and the issues with the wall. It makes sense for the DPW and other town groups to meet with regulatory agencies to discuss what choices would likely to be permitted. S. Wilkinson said she participated on the search committee for an Elementary School Principal, they have chosen the candidate; it is the Vice Principal in the Middle School.

Selectmen
Liaisons for FY
'16. No vote.

Selectmen Liaisons for FY16: Selectperson Lucas said she likes the assignments she has now, however, going forward she cannot attend the Monday meetings of the Capital Improvement Committee. E. Battistelli said she may be interested in taking that on. Selectperson Murphy said he would like to keep public safety (police, schools, etc.). Selectperson Sheedy said she has all the land issues and Selectperson Lucas has the human services, culture and recreation. It was decided that the liaison assignments will remain as is for now; however Chairperson Battistelli and Selectperson Wilkinson will review their assignments and see if any changes will be made.

Public Comment
Period

Public Comment Period: T. Arsenian, 95 Granite St., said meters were reserved for chamber music for their patrons. He questioned what the town received from the Chamber of Commerce for the use of Millbrook Meadow. Selectperson Wilkinson said Shalin Liu reserved 2-3 spaces near their building and 2-3 spaces near Millbrook Park for their Anniversary gala, she said this goes through the police and they over-pay for them. Anyone who requests this can get it; you can payout the meters and it doesn't cost the town anything. The use of Millbrook Park was for no fee. She said the town hosted an incredible event, and they are a charitable organization; it brought business to town. J. Gardner, DPW commissioner spoke about the MBTA. Chairperson said that will be a priority next week. T. Arsenian, said regarding the MBTA plans, he hoped they would invite the train station committee. The Gloucester Times Reporter, newly assigned to Rockport, introduced herself.

Town
Administrator's
Report

Town Administrator's Report: The Town Administrator said the current Poet Lauriat would like to continue for another stint. L. Sanders said she was invited to speak at the Economic Development Committee last week, they wanted to be sure the plans they were making fit into the town's vision. It was recommended that a workshop be scheduled once more of the vision is developed. The Asst. Town Administrator said Sen. Tarr's office was able to secure \$20,000 for the Granite Pier Extension, though this is not a guarantee, it is in the committee process. Two recognition letters came from the Coast Guard to the Harbor Masters regarding the April 2013 marine fire; the investigation was recently completed. Shorter parking meter poles will be replacing the existing poles; it was brought to our attention that it was difficult to see the meters with the glare from the sun.

- Open Fall Town Meeting Warrant: Selectperson Murphy moved that the Board open the September 14, 2015 Fall Town Meeting Warrant, Selectperson Sheedy seconded, Vote: 5-0.

Open Fall Town Meeting Warrant Motion Approved
- Nomination of Leslie Whelan as Backup Animal Inspector: Selectperson Sheedy moved that the Board nominate Leslie Whelan as Backup Inspector of Animals pursuant to MGL Chapter 129, Sections 15 and 16, Selectperson Murphy seconded, Vote: 5-0. Elaine Somers will be away for extended period of time and we need an animal inspector.

Nomination of L. Whelan as Backup Animal Inspector Motion Approved
- Appointment of Coleen Magrath to Council on Aging: Selectperson Lucas moved that the Board of Selectmen appoint Coleen Magrath as a member of the Council on Aging for a 3-year term ending on June 30, 2018, Selectperson Murphy seconded, Vote: 5-0.

Appointment of C. Magrath to Council on Aging Motion Approved
- Appointment of HR Director: Selectperson Wilkinson moved that the Board appoint Mitchell Vieira as the Director of Human Resources in addition to his position as Assistant Town Administrator, Selectperson Murphy seconded, Vote: 5-0. E. Richter, Personnel Board member, said this is an important role for any community or business. He said M. Vieira not only asks questions but knows the right questions to ask. He said it's apparent that the Town Administrator trusts M. Vieira, and this is a position that well suits him. Chairperson Battistelli said this frees up the Town Administrator's time to deal with other issues. Selectperson Wilkinson said he has been doing the work; this won't be something new for him. Personnel Board member James King said he agrees with this appointment.

Appointment of H/R Director Motion Approved
- Appointment of Mike Frontierro as Building Custodian: Selectperson Murphy moved that the Selectmen appoint Mike Frontierro as Forest Fire Building Custodian, Selectperson Wilkinson seconded, Vote: 5-0.

Appointment of Building Custodian Motion Approved
- Approval to Hire a Library Custodian: Selectperson Lucas moved that the Selectmen approve the hiring of a Library Custodian to fill a vacancy due to a job transfer; Selectperson Murphy seconded, Vote: 5-0.

Approval to Hire Library Custodian Motion Approved
- Annual Reappointments: Selectperson Wilkinson moved that the Board of Selectmen appoint Roger G. Lesch as Rockport Representative to Action, Inc. for a one year term to expire on June 30, 2016, Selectperson Murphy seconded, Vote: 5-0.

Appoint R. Lesch as representative to Action, Inc. Motion Approved
- Annual Reappointments: Selectperson Murphy moved that the Board of Selectmen appoint Stephanie Woolf, Terry Duffy, Martha Finta, Betsy Giannoccaro, Amnon Goldman, George Syrigos and Christine Grenier to the Beautification Committee, all for one year terms to expire on June 30, 2016, Selectperson Sheedy seconded, Vote: 5-0.

Appointments to Beautification Committee Motion Approved
- Annual Reappointments: Selectperson Sheedy moved that the Board of Selectmen appoint Fire Chief James Doyle, Assistant Chief Kirk S. Keating and Assistant Chief John Porter to the Board of Fire Engineers, all for one year terms to expire on June 30, 2016, Selectperson Murphy seconded, Vote: 5-0.

Appoint J. Doyle, K. Keating, and J. Porter to Board of Fire Engineers Motion Approved
- Annual Reappointments: Selectperson Lucas moved that the Board of Selectmen appoint Peter Beacham, James Cox, Lana Razdan, Rollyn Hoffman and Rob Liebow to the Economic Development Committee, all for one year terms to expire on June 30, 2016, Selectperson Wilkinson seconded, Vote: 5-0.

Appoint Economic Development Committee members Motion Approved
- Annual Reappointments: Selectperson Wilkinson moved that the Board of Selectmen appoint Lieutenant Mark Schmink as Emergency Management Director and Officer Daniel Mahoney as Emergency Management Deputy Director, each for one year terms to expire on June 30, 2016, Selectperson Murphy seconded, Vote: 5-0.

Appoint M. Schmink as Emergency Mgmt. Director and D. Mahoney as Deputy Director, Motion Approved

Appointments to
Granite Pier
Committee
Motion Approved

- Annual Reappointments: Selectperson Murphy moved that the Board of Selectmen appoint Charles Nichols, Jr., John Thompson, Frank Levesque, Eric Rask, and Michael Tupper, all to the Granite Pier Committee for a one year term to expire on June 30, 2016, Selectperson Sheedy seconded, Vote: 5-0.

Appointments to
MBTA Station
Planning
Advisory
Committee
Motion Approved

- Annual Reappointments: Selectperson Sheedy moved that the Board of Selectmen appoint Nicola Barletta, Henry Betts, Sam Coulbourn, George Robertson and Ellen Canavan, all to the MBTA Station Planning Advisory Committee for a one year term to expire on June 30, 2016, Selectperson Murphy seconded, Vote: 4-0. Selectperson Wilkinson abstained.

Appointments to
Open Space &
Recreation
Committee
Motion Approved

- Annual Reappointments: Selectperson Lucas moved that the Board of Selectmen appoint Lawrence Neal, Peter Van Dermark, Frederick Tarr III and Stephanie Cunningham, all to the Open Space and Recreation Committee for a one year term to expire on June 30, 2016, Selectperson Sheedy seconded, Vote: 5-0.

Appoint R. Lesch
as Special Officer
of Elder Affairs
Motion Approved

- Annual Reappointments: Selectperson Wilkinson moved that the Board of Selectmen appoint Roger Lesch as the Special Officer of Elder Affairs for a one year term to expire on June 30, 2016, Selectperson Murphy seconded, Vote: 5-0.

Appointments to
Thacher and
Straitsmouth
Island
Committees,
Motion Approved

- Annual Reappointments: Selectperson Murphy moved that the Board of Selectmen appoint Sydney Wedmore, Seth Cutter, Richard Morris, Lee Marr, Carol Delaney, Thomas Eldridge, William Cardani, David Delaney, Frederick Tarr III, Gail Zeman and Paula Eldridge, all to the Thacher & Straitsmouth Islands Committee for a one year term to expire on June 30, 2016, Selectperson Sheedy seconded, Vote: 5-0.

Appointments to
Town Art
Committee,
Motion Approved

- Annual Reappointments: Selectperson Sheedy moved that the Board appoint Karen Sena-Berger, Bryan McMullin and Rosemary Pillarella, all to the Town Art Committee for a one year term to expire on June 30, 2016, Selectperson Murphy seconded, Vote: 5-0.

Appoint Faye
Anderson to
Council on Aging
Motion Approved

- Annual Reappointments: Selectperson Lucas moved that the Board appoint Faye Anderson to the Council on Aging for a three year term to expire on June 30, 2018, Selectperson Wilkinson seconded, Vote: 5-0.

Appoint M. Siegel
to Rights of Way
Committee
Motion Approved

- Annual Reappointments: Selectperson Wilkinson moved that the Board appoint Marcia Siegel to the Rights of Way Committee for a three year term to expire on June 30, 2018, Selectperson Murphy seconded, Vote: 5-0.

Yearend Transfer
for Town Clerk
Motion Approved

- Yearend Transfer for Town Clerk: Selectperson Murphy moved that the Board of Selectmen approve, and ask the Chairperson to sign a Yearend Transfer of \$850 for the Town Clerk, from Election Officer Wages account to the Training and Development account to pay for special certified municipal clerk training for the Assistant Town Clerk, Selectperson Sheedy seconded, Vote: 5-0.

68 Long Beach
Lease Transfer
Motion Approved

- 68 Long Beach Lease Transfer: Selectperson Sheedy moved that the Board of Selectmen approve and sign a lease for 68 Long Beach with Antoinette Giugliano and Tayfun Istanbulu, Trustees of the Aliana Realty Trust to reflect a lease transfer to new cottage owners, Selectperson Lucas seconded, Vote: 5-0.

68 Long Beach
Notice of Lease
Motion Approved

- 68 Long Beach Notice of Lease: Selectperson Lucas moved that the Board approve and sign a Notice of Lease with Antoinette Giugliano and Tayfun Istanbulu, Trustees of the Aliana Realty Trust for 68 Long Beach, Selectperson Wilkinson seconded, Vote: 5-0.

Grant Agreement
with HAWC
Motion Approved

- Grant Agreement with HAWC: Selectperson Wilkinson moved that the Board of Selectmen approve and sign a grant agreement with HAWC of 27 Congress Street, Salem,

Massachusetts for legal advice, safety planning, access to the 24 hour support hotline, and other support services for Rockport citizens in the amount of \$3,000.00, Selectperson Sheedy seconded, Vote: 5-0.

- Hauling and Disposal of Solid Waste Agreement: Selectperson Murphy moved that the Board of Selectmen approve and sign an Agreement with Waste Management of Massachusetts, Inc. for the Hauling and Disposal of Solid Waste in the amount of \$76.00 per ton for July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015, \$77.50 per ton starting July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 and \$79.00 per ton starting July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017, Selectperson Sheedy seconded, Vote: 5-0.

Hauling and
Disposal of Solid
Waste Agreement
Motion Approved

- Farmer's Market Wine License for Westport Rivers Vineyard & Winery: Selectperson Sheedy moved that the Board of Selectmen approve and sign a Farmer's Market Wine License for Westport Rivers Vineyards and Winery to sell bottles of their wine at the summer Farmer's Market, Selectperson Murphy seconded, Vote: 5-0. T. Arsenian, 95 Granite St., said when the town voted to approve alcohol, we weren't going to have bottle shops; this is not a restaurant. He said alcohol is being sold without serving food, he objects to it. Beth Sullivan, 4 Summit Ave., said she supports the license to the Farmer's Market. Selectperson Wilkinson said she was impressed with the presentation at the last meeting with the strict guidelines. It can be sold as early as this Saturday. Selectperson Sheedy said this is a particular statute, it's an agricultural event, this is not a slippery slope. She said any license can be revoked.

Farmer's Market
Wine License for
Westport Rivers
Vineyard and
Winery
Motion Approved

- One Day Alcohol License for Rotary Lobsterfest: Selectperson Lucas moved that the Board of Selectmen approve and sign a One Day Alcohol License for the Rockport Rotary for August 8, 2015, Selectperson Murphy seconded, Vote: 4-0. Selectperson Sheedy abstained as she is a member of the Rotary.

One Day Alcohol
License for
Rotary
Lobsterfest
Motion Approved

- Special Sign Permit for Bella & Harvey: Selectperson Wilkinson moved that the Board of Selectmen approve a special sign permit for Bella & Harvey at 55 Bearskin Neck as described in their applications and indicated in their letter of May 29, 2015, Selectperson Murphy seconded, no vote taken, the proposed sign would be on an easel on public property. The applicant will be invited to a subsequent Board of Selectmen meeting.

Special Sign
Permit for Bella
& Harvey
No vote taken.

- Outdoor Display Permit Renewal for Kaya's Craft: Selectperson Sheedy moved that the Board of Selectmen renew the Outdoor Display Permit for Kaya's Craft at 19-23 Bearskin Neck, Selectperson Lucas seconded, Vote: 5-0.

Outdoor Display
Permit Renewal
for Kaya's Craft
Motion Approved

- Outdoor Display Permit for Scarves on the Neck: Selectperson Sheedy moved that the Board approve an Outdoor Display Permit for Scarves on the Neck as described in their Permit Application dated June 1, 2015 and specified in their photographs and drawing; Selectperson Lucas seconded, Vote: 5-0. The address of the store is 9 Bearskin Neck.

Outdoor Display
Permit for
Scarves on the
Neck
Motion Approved

- Consent Form for Town Counsel: Selectperson Lucas moved that the Board of Selectmen consents to Kopelman and Paige reviewing the Cape Ann Regional Response Team, Selectperson Murphy seconded, Vote: 5-0. The Town Administrator said this happened with good intentions and incorporates a private organization to perform regional emergency responses and SWAT team activities. She said they should have come before the Board of Selectmen. She said there is a problem with paying for police with a private organization, yet we need the service. L. Sanders said she recommends they amend their articles of organization. T. Arsenian asked for an explanation. The Town Administrator said they train police to go to activities like burning buildings, hostage situations, where specialized services are needed (SWAT Team). T. Rizolo, Summit Avenue, questioned

Consent Form for
Town Counsel
C. A. Regional
Response Team
Motion Approved

how does this come about and why do we need this level of preparedness. Selectperson Wilkinson said it doesn't cost the town; this was set up by the chiefs as a regional resource.

- Americans with Disabilities Act Day Proclamation: Selectperson Wilkinson moved that the Board of Selectmen proclaim Sunday, July 26, 2015 as "Spirit of the 25th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act" in the Town of Rockport, seconded by Selectperson Sheedy, Vote: 5-0.

Americans with Disabilities Act Day Proclamation Motion Approved

8:25 Selectmen Briefing

Board of Health members Dr. Sydney Wedmore and Dr. Sydney Jimenez were presenting. They spoke on the fluoride vote; they are recommending that the town lower the fluoride level to an optimal level (maximum benefit and minimum side effects). Currently the range in Rockport is between 0.7 – 1.2. The Public Health Service is recommending a drop to 0.7. They will be passing this on to the water department to initiate this as soon as possible. The majority of cities and town have already done this. They said a legitimate criticism was the absence of choice. The board does not extend the choice to the minority; they are looking at a potential alternative. S. Jimenez said she respected that some residents were opposed to the fluoride, perhaps a water filling station for non-fluoridated water, perhaps a 100 gallon tank. She said this may not be too costly; and this issue may not go away. This is a gesture for those people that feel strongly about it. Selectperson Wilkinson inquired if the fluoride level is lowered, would Rockport's level be adjusted at all due to the increase in natural fluoride due to the granite. S. Wedmore said that amount is negligible; he said they spoke to the DPW Commissioners about this before the vote. Another discussion item was the fact that the Rockport Board of Health has three members; some communities have five. S. Wedmore is recommending that the Rockport Board increase their membership to five members. S. Jimenez said currently there is no system in place for the Board of Health to get information out to the public. The school uses e-mail systems to reach all households with children. It would be great if the Board of Health could have some sort of system to outreach to the community. They were wondering if the town could support this endeavor. The Asst. Town Administrator said inside the town's code Red, there is optional information. He said if the Board of Health used Code Red, residents would have signed up for it and there is no charge for e-mails. Selectperson Wilkinson said residents should be reminded about the Code Red to encourage them to sign-up.

Selectmen Briefing

Board of Health Members

8:45 Discussion Item

Beach Street Neighbor Issues: Selectperson Sheedy recused herself due to conflict and left the room. Anne Franco, 46 Beach Street was in attendance along with some neighbors to discuss concerns and to seek help. She said these issues have been ongoing for some time; the Franco's and the Rauseo's have been here for many years. She said many events in town happen on Beach Street. They are asking for a road that can accommodate the heavy road activity. She said in 2007 the Beach revetment received a poor rating with a major level of action, the estimate was \$2.3M. The revetment was signed off by FEMA, in February of 2013 it failed; there was substantial property loss at that time. Currently there is a large section of sidewalk exposed to a steep drop-off. In December of 2013 she said they spoke to L. Sanders, she said L. Sanders asked the DPW to install seven Jersey barriers because it was unsafe. It continues to collapse; there are now thirteen Jersey barriers. She said we see children walking on areas that have been compromised. The sidewalk is suspended in the air with nothing supporting it. She said they continue to hear that the town is waiting for FEMA. She inquired if there is an alternate plan if FEMA doesn't have funding. She questioned why the town hasn't gone back to the engineers that designed it and those that constructed it. She said they have been told it is because the town signed off on the design. Some of the residents on Beach Street would like to be able to repair their own properties. Chairperson Battistelli said everyone is frustrated with this situation.

Discussion Item:

Beach Street Neighbor Issues

Director Parisi said FEMA, about one year ago, indicated that they were reviewing their Project Worksheets all over the country. They recently met with the FEMA employee who is responsible for this project. He said they will pay for 75% of the project; the town will be responsible for the 25%. J. Parisi said it is estimated that the cost to repair this would be approximately \$350,000.

Barry Pett from Sen. Tarr's office was present. He said there are loans that can be applied for; \$14M for the entire state; that was split between seawalls and dams throughout the state. He said grants are also available. Seawalls are significantly more expensive; generally over \$1M each; dams are about \$100,000 each. He said the folks on Plum Island have experienced significant damage as well. He said the FEMA program is a viable way to handle this as well.

Ms. Rauseo said it is scary, you can look under the street and there's nothing there. She questions why we're not going back to the engineers on this.

Selectperson Wilkinson said she would like to say that the Board of Selectmen can't come in and trump what the DPW is doing and apply for something else to rectify this.

Selectperson Lucas said it sounds appealing to get grant funds for a bigger area down there.

The Town Administrator said she wanted to remind everyone that no loans can be applied for without town meeting vote.

B. Reed, DPW Commissioner, said FEMA froze everything; otherwise this would have been taken care of by now. Also, he said the roadway down there is only 15' above sea level, the new FEMA maps are 35' and higher than that revetment. That indicates 25' feet of water could potentially go over that road. We're going to be dealing with this for a lot of years. We all live on the ocean and it doesn't take much of a shift in wind direction to change which places are going to get hit. We would need a 25' or 30' high wall to stop the ocean from coming over it. This has been going on for years and years. Residents down there used to go to a hotel during a storm surge.

J. Parisi said they didn't have the sufficient amount of stone to do the repair; when they had the needed amount then they were replaced. This was a significant storm, it should have been a two level seawall but it wasn't and we had to build it back to what it was. We have now asked, through mitigation, to build a two level wall; it should provide more protection. It should take a few weeks more for FEMA to complete the paperwork.

Selectperson Wilkinson suggested that we share the plans for the repairs with the residents there so their engineers can see it.

Beth Sullivan, 4 Summit Ave., questioned if the 250' center section is repaired, what if the two end portions are damaged. Selectperson Lucas said this is very expensive. Unfortunately due to the FEMA 75% funding, communities wait until there is damage and repair it rather than try to be proactive. Beth Sullivan inquired about the governance and if the DPW reported to the Board of Selectmen. The Town Administrator said the town charter provides greater autonomy for the DPW Commissioners. Selectperson Wilkinson said the Board of Selectmen works very well with both the DPW Director and the Commissioners.

J. Franco, Beach St., recommended cancelling the upcoming 4th of July events that are held due to the disrepair down there. He questioned do we really want guests to Rockport to see this area. Selectperson Wilkinson said there are several areas in town in need of repair, and we live in an area where tourists want to visit. She said we are doing the best we can here.

Ms. Rauseo said we need storm drains and curbstones there. She said there are huge boulders down there and it looks awful. Director Parisi said the DPW will clean the area up before the 4th of July festivities.

Anne Franco wanted to complain about the parking meter kiosk that was placed directly in front of her home. She is requesting that it be relocated.

The Town Administrator said the Board of Selectmen didn't choose specifically where the kiosks were located.

Selectperson Wilkinson recommended moving the kiosk to another location and putting individual meters where the kiosk is.

Anne Franco spoke about scuba divers down there and said that large vehicles park on either side of their driveways and residents cannot get in or out of their driveways.

Selectperson Wilkinson recommended removing the four spaces designated for compact cars and put two regular parking spaces, make the strip in front of the houses for residents only, and ask the police to patrol the area during the early morning hours when the divers are arriving. DPW Director Parisi said the Traffic and Parking Committee will be meeting shortly and this can be on the agenda. A public hearing on these changes can be on the next Board of Selectmen agenda.

It was questioned how many dive school permits are issued annually. Director Parisi said he can look into this and to see if the police receive a copy of the permit. B. Reed, DPW Commissioner, said the ability to dive here is a federal issue; we can't limit access. Selectperson Wilkinson said these are public beaches; we are not trying to limit access.

10:15 Selectperson Murphy moved to adjourn, Selectperson Sheedy seconded, Vote: 5-0.

Warrant Signed:

Warrant signed for the Fiscal Year 2015 Payroll and Expenses for the week of June 18, 2015 in the amounts of \$111,071.63 and \$237,382.59 respectively.

Items signed:

Appropriation Transfer, amount requested \$850, Election Officer Wages to Training & Development
Westport Rivers Vineyards and Winery – Special License

Hawker's and Peddler's License, Cheryl Coppola

Outdoor Display, Scarves on the Neck

American's with Disabilities Act Day

Rules of Professional Conduct, K&P, CARRT

Kaya's Crafts, Outdoor Display Permit

Rockport Rotary, Special License, American Legion

Service Agreement, Waste Management

HAWC

Notice of Lease, Antoinette Giugliano and Tayfun Istanbulu, 68 Long Beach

Street Performer's License, Samuel White,

Street Performer's License, Rafer Gardner

License to Operate a parking lot, Shelby Battistelli

Corina Belle-Isle, Transient Vendor License

James Vassallo, Street Performer's License

Richard Vassallo, letter regarding removal of basketball hoop